

To the Members of the California State Senate:

Senate Bill 1758 will increase accountability for adoption facilitators in California and better protect children and families by increasing required surety bonds, creating an online registry of adoption facilitators who meet specific requirements, and authorizing the Department of Social Services to conduct criminal background checks for these individuals.

While this bill is a good start to improve adoption facilitator services in California, I am directing the Department of Social Services to work with the Department of Justice and the Legislature on legislation next year to ensure the background check provisions of the bill are technically improved and provide clear standards to expedite implementation.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger